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Increments to unpassed men in the Judicial Service.

* 436 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any unpassed men in Judicial Service, who have been made permanent long ago and who are not allowed to draw increments;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that some unpassed clerks in Judicial Service have been allowed to draw increments, and if so, why; and

(*c*) if so, why the Government have not restored uniformity in the matter?

A.—The Government have no information, but have called for it.

Electricity

Action taken on the recommendations contained in paragraphs 18–22 *of the Administration Report of the Electricity Department for* 1934–35.

* 437 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what action the Government have taken or propose to take on the recommendations contained in paragraphs 18 to 22 of the Administration Report for the year 1934–35 of the Electricity Department?

A.—The recommendations are under the consideration of Government.

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi:—"May I know the opinion that the Government hold on the thermal system?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"The thermal system is as good as the hydro-electric system; perhaps it may cost a little more."

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi:—"Of the two systems which would be preferred by the Hon. the Law Member?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"Wherever possible hydro-electric power, if it is cheaper."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know, Sir, if the Government will form their opinion as early as possible in view of the fact that the Mettur Project is being pushed through swiftly?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"Certainly as soon as it is possible."

Prisons and Prisoners

Release of Mr. Narasimhachari, a prisoner of the Cocanada Conspiracy Case.

* 438 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Narasimhachari, a prisoner of the Cocanada Conspiracy case, has been released;

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(b) if so, whether a copy of the order of his release will be placed on the table; and

(c) how his health is now and whether he will be committed to prison as soon as he is better in health?

A.—(a) He was released on medical grounds by the Government on 19th August 1935.

(b) A copy [a] of G.O. Ms. No. 2666, Law (General), dated 18th September 1935, is placed on the table of the House.

(c) Government have no information about the present state of his health. As he has been acquitted by the High Court in C.A. No. 513 of 1935 on its file, the second part of the question does not arise.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" In the order of release, certain conditions have been stipulated. But in answer to clause (c), they have stated that he has been acquitted by the High Court. Do the conditions still hold good, Sir? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" How can they, Sir? He is no longer a prisoner, as he has been acquitted."

Date of release of Mr. T. V. Narasimhachari, a political prisoner.

* 439 Q.—Mr. P. Ratnavelu Thevar: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) on what date the political prisoner Mr. T. V. Narasimhachari was ordered to be released;

(b) whether any conditions were attached to the release and, if so, what those conditions are; and

(c) whether Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House the medical report on which the release of the prisoner was ordered?

A.—(a) There is no prisoner by that name convicted of any offence connected with political movement. The hon. Member apparently has in mind Chilakamarri Narasimhachari who was released conditionally on 19th August 1935.

(b) Yes, the following conditions were attached to the release:

(1) that the said Chilakamarri Narasimhachari will, as soon as he is in a fit state of health to move about, present himself to the Superintendent of Police, or, if he be absent, to the Manager of the office of the District Superintendent of Police, East Godavari, and will produce the copy of the conditions of his release delivered to him by the Superintendent of Prisons, Madras.

(2) That he will thenceforth report himself, once in each month, at such time and to such officer as he may be directed by the said Superintendent or Manager.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 669–670 infra.